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- 1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF EMBASSY ACTIONS TAKEN AND PLANNED TO IMPLEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SET OUT IN REF A).
- 2. GOAL I -- THE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE, IN FORMAL AND INFORMAL PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS, THE RETURN TO CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT. WE WILL ALSO, AS THE ELECTIONS NEAR AND THE NATRUE OF THE EMERGING GOVERNMENT BECOMES CLEAR, RECOMMEND TO THE DEPARTMENT A POLICY MIX FOR OUR RELATIONS WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT THAT WILL MAXIMIZE POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING THIS AND OTHER GOALS.
- 3. GOAL II -- WE WILL CONTINUE TO UTILIZE THE AIFLD PROGRAM AND OFFICIAL CONTACTS AT THE MINISTRY OF LABOR, POLITICAL CONTACTS AT HIGHER LEVELS IN THE GOE, AND PUBLIC DIPLOMACY TO ENCOURAGE THE GOE TO RESPECT BASIC TRADE UNION FREEDOMS. THE EMBASSY, AS WE HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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BEEN DOING, WILL UTILIZE ITS HIGH LEVEL AND FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTACTS TO ENCOURAGE A MORE ACTIVE ROL BY THE GOE IN MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS IN HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS.

4. GOAL III -- IN THE ABSENCE OF AN AGREED-UPON FORUM TO DISCUSS REGIONAL ARMS CONTROL, EFFORTS TO CONVINCE

THE GOE TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH EFFORTS WILL NOT BEAR FRUIT. ONCE SUCH A FORUM IS IDENTIFIED, THE EMBASSY WILL USE ALL ITS INFLUENCE TO ENCOURAGE THE GOE TO PARTICIPATE AND TAKE A LEADING ROLE IN THE EFFORT. ECUADOR NEEDS NO ENCOURAGEMENT TO ENTER TALKS WITH PERU THAT ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE IT WITH "SOVEREIGN" ACCESS TO THE MARANON. TALKS ON ANY OTHER BASIS APPEAR TO HAVE LITTLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS. (IT SEEMS TO US THAT CLARITY REQUIRES THAT THE WORD "SOVEREIGN" (OR TERRITORIAL) BE USED TO MODIFY ACCESS, UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT HAS IN MIND AN ALTERNATIVE THAT MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE AS A BASIS FOR RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM).

5. GOAL IV -- THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN ENGAGED FOR THE PAST YEAR IN A HIGH-LEVEL EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE GOE'S PERFORMANCE IN CONTROLLING DRUG TRAFFIC. THAT EFFORT WILL CONTINUE DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS ON A TIMETABLE TO BE DETERMINED AS CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE. INTRA-MISSION COORDINATION IS EXCELLENT. IT WILL FURTHER IMPROVE WITH THE CO-LOCATION OF DEA AND THE STATE NARCOTICS CONTROL DIVISION. EVEN BETTER COORDINATION COULD BE ACHIEVED IF WASHINGTON AGENCIES COULD AGREE TO THE CREATION OF A SINGLE MISSION NARCOTICS UNIT COMPOSED OF DEA AND THE STATE NCD UNDER ONE CHIEF.

6. GOAL V -- THE CMBASSY HAS HAD SOME SUCCESS IN THIS CONFIDENTIAL.

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AREA AND CONTINUES TO PURSUE THIS GOAL IN THE COURSE OF ITS FORMAL AND INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH GOE OFFICIALS AT MINISTRY AND HIGHER LEVEL. IN THE AREA OF SUPPORT FOR US POSITIONS, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE EMBASSY CAN OBTAIN FROM THE DEPARTMENT A BETTER AND MORE TIMELY INDICATION OF ISSUES AND AREAS IN WHICH GOE SUPPORT IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE USG AND HOW ECUADOR HAS PERFORMED ON THESE.

7. GOAL VI -- THE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY, THROUGH THE COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM AND IN ITS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DIPLOMACY, TO ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND TO IMPROVE THE BENEFIT TO THE I.S. FROM THESE ELECTIONS.

8. GOAL VII -- THE EMBASSY WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
ON RENEWAL OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AS THE RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL RULE AND NATURE OF THE EMERGING GOVERNMENT BECOMES
CLEAR. THE INTENT IS TO DEVELOP AN APPROPRIATE PROGRAM
WITH A LEAN, EFFECTIVE AID STAFF.

9. GOAL VII -- EMBASSY WILL, THROUGH BOTH POLITICAL

AND MILITARY CONTACTS, PURSUE THIS GOAL. WE NOTE THAT AN IMPORTANT PART OF IMPLEMENTATION PACKAGE FOR THIS GOAL WILL BE A FORTHCOMING PROGRAM OF MILITARY COOPERATION WITH ECUADOR. INCLUDING SALES AND TRAINING.

10. GOAL IX -- EMBASSY'S ABILITY TO PREPARE AN IMPLE-MENTATION PLAN FOR SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVING ITS CONSULAR SERVICES WILL DEPENT TO A GREAT EXTENT ON INCREASED PERSONNEL AND FUNDING FOR RE-LOCATING THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION TO MORE APPROPRIATE SPACE WITHIN THE CHANCERY.

1. GOAL X -- EMBASSY VIEWS THIS AS AN ON-GOING LONG-RANGE EFFORT GROWING PRINCIPALLY OUT OF THE ENTIRE CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMUNICATIONS FIELD. OUR AIRGRAM WILL DETAIL THE MAJOR PUBLIC DIPLOMACY PLANS TO SUPPORT THE BILATERAL/GLOBAL RELATIONSHIP.

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